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SUBJ: CHILEAN CONCERN OVER PERU

1. SANTIAGO PRESS (LA TERCERA AND LA PRENSA) AND RADIO FEB 15 CARRY STORIES ATTRIBUTED ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE SOURCES CLAIMING THAT CUBAN INSTRUCTORS ARE IN PERU TO TRAIN MILITARY IN USE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT. STORIES NOTE VISIT FEB 12 TO CALLAO OF SOVIET SUBMARINE, TANKER, AND SUPPORT SHIP. BRIEF REFERENCE ALSO MADE TO EARLIER PRESENCE IN PERU OF ISRAELI DESERT WARFARE INSTRUCTORS. STORIES WARN OF CUBA-SOVIET STRATEGY OF CONCENTRATION ON PERU AS "BRIDGE FOR MARXISM" AFTER DEFEAT IN CHILE.

2. FEB 15 "LA PATRIA" PUBLISHES INTERVIEW, PICKED UP FROM "PRESENCIA" OF LA PAZ, WITH FORMER CHILEAN PARLIAMENTARIAN BALTAZAR CASTRO (VENUE OF INTERVIEW UNSPECIFIED), IN WHICH HE DENOUCES INSTALLATION BY USSR OF ROCKET LAUNCHING PLATFORMS IN PERU. COMPARING SITUATION TO 1962 CUBA CRISIS, HE ALLEGES CONSTRUCTION BEGAN

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BEFORE FALL OF ALLENDE.

3. COMMENT. APPEARANCE OF ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES
(PARA 1) IN CENSORED MEDIA SUGGESTS PROBABLE PLANT BY GOC
AND REFLECTS DEEP CONCERN OF CHILEANS OVER WHAT THEY SEE
AS COMMUNIST PENETRATION IN PERU COUPLED WITH INCREASING
PERUVIAN REVANCHISM. CASTRO'S ALLEGATIONS APPEAR FAR-
FETCHED BUT PRESUMABLY REFLECT SIMILAR WORRIES.
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